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Special appeal 'missions' to Israel are under attack by CIC President Pollack

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL –

A disgruntled Canada-Israel Committee president, returning after two weeks of close contact with relatives and friends in Israel, launched an attack on the special appeal "missions" because they "do not meet the people they should meet, or see the places they should see."

Quebec City lawyer Aaron Pollack charged that the "establishment" is simply "misguided . . . both here and there" (Israel). He added: "I would not say it's a conscious effort."

Pollack declared that missions have a "transient" impact instead of being "permanent". He complained that missions to Israel emphasize what the army calls "hardware -- things that dazzle."

The CIC president told **The Canadian Jewish News** that study tours should look into Israel's social problems. In Israel, there are disadvantaged people under conditions of blight, he said.

Although never a member of a formal mission, Pollack said he had close discussions with army personnel, family members, businessmen, social workers and academicians.

Contacted by **The CJN**, Dave Marks, Toronto UJA campaign director, refused to comment. Another source, who declined to be named, called Pollack's statements "ridiculous" because he was never on a mission.

Said Pollack: "I saw an institution for juvenile delinquents. Now remember, Israel's most infallible resource is human. We saw holes in the roof where the children live. There seems to be much money for big hotels, universities, buildings, etc. . . . but not enough for these needs."

He criticized some community members for losing the traditional meaning of tzedakah. "Our concept of tzedakah is charity, linked to the concept of recognition . . . having to be recognized for giving. Contributing anonymously is really the way."

He stated that there is too much stress placed on "big gun" contributors, "instead of the smaller fellow." He cited the figure that only 26% of New York City Jews give to the appeal "and ours can't be much higher."

When there is more grass roots involvement in campaign, the quantum of money raised is higher. "We ought to veer away from the philosophy that big givers have to be pursued."

Pollack also asserted that the Diaspora doesn't give the question of aliyah enough prominence. "It is imperative that Jewish leadership encourage aliyah," he added.

Pollack also urged greater economic investment from Canada in Israel in order to establish a "Jewish Common Market." People should walk into supermarkets and purchase Israel-made goods, he said.

"Furthermore, tourism is down . . . it's not a secret, and it's expensive. Terrorism must also not deter Jews from visiting Israel."

"After all, it doesn't deter Jews living in New York," he remarked.

Welfare Fund reports...

Inflation is cause of rise in budget

TORONTO –

A budget of $3,090,668 for the fiscal year July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975, has been adopted by the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto, and it reflects a 20% increase over the previous year's expenditures due to inflationary pressures.

President Phil Granovsky, in making the announcement, said the increase in the budget was due to the "relentless pressure of inflation on all our services and activities."

David Rotenberg, treasurer of the UJWF and chairman of the budget and finance committee, presented the budget to the board for line-by-line approval.

Granovsky said that for the first time, the Welfare Fund has under consideration an allocation for the YM-YWHA to cover programs considered high priority. About $45,000 has been put into a special reserve to cover this allocation, if approved. Granovsky said recommendations on this matter will be forthcoming shortly.

The Jewish educational system continues to get the largest share of the budget, with allocations totaling $1,684,335. This covers the administration of the Board of Jewish Education and subsidies for the Community Hebrew Academy, Associated Hebrew Schools, Eitz Chaim Schools, Bialik Hebrew Day School, Borochov School and United Synagogue Day School. Subsidies are extended to the schools to cover tuition fees of children whose parents cannot pay the full fee. Higher subsidies are required for the coming year despite the fact that higher tuition fees have resulted in increased revenues from the parents.

The sum of $283,600 has been allocated for the Welfare Fund's financial assistance program operated by the Jewish Family & Child Service. This assistance is extended to members of the Jewish community classed as "poor" as a supplement to low incomes, pensions or financial aid provided by government sources. Supplemental assistance has been based on the cost of living as of March 31, 1973 but the board agreed that this should be revised and the cost-of-living index as of Feb. 28, 1974 will now be used as the base. To cover the anticipated increase in expenditures, an additional $96,200 has been placed in reserve for this program.

In addition, the Welfare Fund allocated $21,900 to cover the cost of administering the financial assistance program.

Allocations for the Canadian Jewish Congress total $279,752; for Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS), $76,225.

Other allocations:

Guidance and Counselling program in day schools	$ 65,755
Jewish Information Service	25,600
Scholarships-in-Aid	8,000
Sheltered workshops	11,000
Institute for Jewish Life	9,430
Co-ordinated Services to Jewish Elderly	23,142
Jewish Camp Council	24,927
UJWF administration	238,302
Cemetery maintenance	1,060
Jewish Public Library	53,215
Hillel Foundation	57,500
Jewish Students Federation	36,600
Central Fund for Traditional Institutions	4,000

A harmonious relationship has existed for years between labor and management in the ladies' garment industry. Much of the credit for this goes to Irving Cordes, (left), executive director of the Toronto Dress and Sportswear Manufacturers Guild, and Bill Villano, union manager. Cordes has been involved in labor relations for 27 years. (Willer)

Mutual tolerance is key to four decades of peace

By HARVEY ENCHIN

TORONTO –

Perhaps the word most closely associated with labor relations in the thinking of many Canadians is "strike".

Though inaccurate, the attitude is not without justification as, in the past year, nurses, steelworkers, newspaper people, postal employees, among others, have had or talked about having strikes to air their grievances and force management reaction.

But in the ladies' garment industry, a potentially volatile industry which has experienced profound change in recent years, there hasn't been a strike in nearly four decades.

The harmonious relationship which exists between management and labor in this industry is due in large part to the efforts of Irving Cordes, executive director of the Toronto Dress and Sportswear Manufacturers Guild.

Cordes came to Toronto in 1963 from Montreal where he began his career in the garment industry 42 years ago. Labor relations has been his forte for 27 years and he has successfully negotiated 10 collective labor agreements for the guild's 45 member manufacturers since his arrival in Toronto. Active in Israel Bonds, he is a member of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda.

A man who loves his work doesn't rest on past achievements and Cordes modestly skims over his own: the JUDY award for the outstanding executive director in the clothing industry; his initial approach to the government for assistance for the industry which ultimately resulted in the EEDEE awards for design; and his paramount role in the institution of on the job training in the industry.

"The free enterprise system is not always conducive to harmonious relationships between management and labor," Cordes says. "There are a lot of discussions between me and the union manager, Bill Villano. The only way we can get along is with an understanding of each other's reasons for existence."

But the relationship between the two men transcends mutual tolerance. "Villano invites me to his house to eat his spaghetti," says Cordes illuminating the genuine friendship that has grown between them.

As a representative of management, Cordes is always aware of the problems of the working person.

"There has to be an understanding of the place a worker has in such a relationship," he explains. "A good part of our industry is unorganized. I have to be aware of the competitive position of the clothing industry at all times. We also have to compete with imports from low wage countries; so, when we sit down to talk contract, I make it my business to stay afloat in view of these situations. In this day and age workers will not stay in the industry unless they can make a living and a future for themselves.

"We both know what each other's problems are; from that base we discuss what we have to do to maintain a harmonious relationship."

In the event of irreconcilable differences between the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and a guild member, arbitration machinery exists so while the case is argued before the chairman, people continue to work. The Toronto chairman is York University's labor law dean, Harry Arthurs, who "wouldn't make a living," says Cordes, "if he had to make a living from us."

He observed: "This machinery establishes a modus operandi and you fall into a pattern. The pattern is a good one because decisions are arrived at with a minimum of friction."

In January, the union requested an alteration of the collective bargaining agreement in view of the rising cost of living. They got 12%. "This is a result of a relationship.

"The people I represent are the business people," Cordes says. "But my own viewpoint has always been that the working person has a vital place in our society and should have the opportunity to express his views through the medium of the union. We're always ready to listen to the union. We don't always give, but at least we listen."

General foresees Mideast warfare within five years

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (JTA) –

A major war will break out again in the Middle East in three to five years, the time it would take for Israel and the Arabs to restore their military capabilities.

This dire prediction was made here by Brig.-Gen. (Ret.) S.L.A. Marshall, the noted historian and military analyst who received nationwide acclaim for his analysis of the tactics of Israel and the Arabs during the Yom Kippur War.

Marshall, who has been a military consultant to Israel and occasionally to the Pentagon, said it would take another three to five years to train replacements for the young Israel, Egyptian and Syrian leaders killed in the war. The same amount of time would also be required by the Soviet Union and the United States to rebuild the military arsenals of their client states, he added.

He also observed that the Palestinian problem would by then still remain resolved and the USSR would press for another war in the hope of restoring absolute control of the Suez Canal to Egypt and unhindered Russian access to the Indian Ocean.

The 71-year-old analyst also blamed Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger for tipping off Egypt that Israeli intelligence knew when the war would begin. As a result, Marshall stated, Egypt launched its attack earlier in the day while Israel was still preparing for it.

Marshall made this statement to newsmen before addressing the local Association of U.S. Armies, a national group of active and retired army officers, on his recent tour of the Mideast battleground. There was no immediate comment from Kissinger or his office in Washington.

Marshall stated that news of Egypt's plan to attack Israel arrived in Jerusalem at about 4:30 a.m. on Yom Kippur, and to Premier Golda Meir two hours later. Mrs. Meir, he said, ruled out a pre-emptive strike on the grounds that Israel might lose U.S. support but told a few "friendly ambassadors and an American general."

Kissinger was informed, but in trying to restrain Egypt, tipped President Anwar Sadat that Israel knew the attack was due that day.

As a result, Sadat ordered the attack to be launched at 2 p.m. instead of 6:40 p.m., Marshall said.

Canada-Israel tourism up over 1973 figures

By MARCIA KRETZMER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO –

Against a background of general decline in transatlantic tourist travel, tourism from Canada to Israel showed an increase of 12% in the first five months of 1974 compared with the same period last year, **The Canadian Jewish News** learned last week from Amnon Gil-Ad, director of the Israel government tourist office in Canada.

"Between January and May of this year, 10,785 Canadians visited Israel as compared to 9,653 for the same period last year," he said.

At the same time, American travel to Israel decreased by 22% and world travel in general by 12%.

"All transatlantic travel is down and Israel is only a part of it," says Emile Aufgang of Aufgang Travel Bureau Ltd., which processes a large volume of tourist traffic to Israel. Responsible for the drop are the low dollar exchange and devaluation and revaluation in many countries.

What is responsible for the exceptionally high rate of travel to Israel from Canada? "It would take a psychologist to answer that," says Aufgang. "But in general I would give credit where credit's due. I think that in everything Canadian Jews do they are more Jewish than their American counterparts. And our communal and rabbinical leadership deserves recognition for constantly pushing travel to Israel."

Joram Kagan, general manager of El Al Israel Airlines for Canada said last week in a telephone interview with **The CJN** that Canadian

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First woman to head TZC

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO –

After 67 years of existence, the Toronto Zionists Council has elected its first woman president. She is soft-spoken Helen Smolack, a long-time worker for many Jewish causes.

When hearing of her appointment by an all male nominating committee, Mrs. Smolack said: "I couldn't refuse. This was a chance for a woman to do something in the way token representation of women does not."

Despite her unprecedented appointment, she believes organizations of the future will be mixed. "I don't want to put down Hadassah-WIZO. It is an excellent organization. But personally I enjoy a mixed group," she said.

Helen Smolack

The wife of a pharmacist and mother of two married daughters clung tenaciously to Judaism in her youth. Raised in Port Carling, a small village in Muskoka, she knew the isolation that attends being the only Jewish family in a small area. Their link with Judaism was the Daily Forward, a Yiddish newspaper to which her mother subscribed, her parent's siddur and the explanations of the Jewish holidays that her parents gave to her and her brother David Smith, now program chairman of the TZC.

"When you are the only Jewish family in a small town you are aware of your Jewishness. I have noticed that lots of Jews from small towns send their children to Jewish camps, particularly Zionist or Young Judea camps. When you are a Jew in a small town there is no half way. Either you try to get what you are missing or you try to forget your Judaism completely," she said.

When her family moved to Toronto and she went to Harbord Collegiate to finish her schooling, it was "like moving to Israel for me." She finished fourth form at Harbord at the age of 14, went to work and before she got married she had already become active in Young Judea and junior Hadassah-WIZO. "I wanted to be with Jews," she explained.

What turned her towards Zionism were the arguments she had with young Jews who espoused the Communist philosophy. Without real-

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Deadlines

The Canadian Jewish News offices will be closed on Monday, August 5th. On account of the Civic Holiday, the display advertising and editorial deadlines will be Thursday, August 1st at 2:00 p.m. and the classified advertising deadline will be Thursday, August 1st at 4:00 p.m.

Crisis averted for Yom Kippur

TORONTO –

This is the story behind the story of the Trudeau government's decision to move the opening of parliament from Sept. 26, Yom Kippur, to Sept. 30.

On hearing that the Commons would hold its opening ceremonies on Yom Kippur Day, Ben Kayfetz, the executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region, realized that Canada's Chief Justice, Bora Laskin, would be placed in an embarrassing position. In the absence of the ailing Governor General, the Chief Justice officiates at the opening ceremonies.

How would our Jewish Chief Justice react to this situation? And what about the Jewish members of parliament, including Herb Gray, the minister of consumer and corporate affairs? Kayfetz acted swiftly. A telephone call to Gray at Windsor brought an admission from the minister

Bora Laskin

that he had not connected the Sept. 26 date with Yom Kippur. He promised to look into the matter at once.

A few hours after the Toronto-Windsor call, there came the announcement that the opening date had been moved to Sept. 30 because of the Day of Atonement.

As Ben Kayfetz said, "governments move quickly when they have to."

New director for CJN

Bonds leader Cohon joins paper's board

TORONTO –

George A. Cohon, the 37-year-old president of McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Ltd., who has become actively identified with Jewish community affairs since arriving in Canada from the United States six years ago, has joined the board of directors of **The Canadian Jewish News**.

In making the announcement, Ray D. Wolfe, board chairman, praised Cohon's involvement with fund-raising on behalf of State of Israel Bonds and his commitment to other Jewish bodies. He was confident the new director would make a substantial contribution to the continuing advancement of **The Canadian Jewish News** as a community newspaper reflecting all shades of Jewish thought.

George Cohon was emergency chairman of State of Israel Bonds after the October, 1973 war, and is now national president of the Canadian Israeli Prime Minister's Club. He is a director of Holy Blossom Temple, director and member of the executive committee of Mount Sinai Hospital, and an officer of the Jewish National Fund.

Cohon, who also is a director of the Canadian company he heads, was born in Chicago and received his public and high school education in that city. He graduated from Drake University in Des Moines with a B.Sc degree and holds a juris doctorate degree in law from Northwestern School of Law. From 1961 to 1967, he practised corporate law in the United States.

He moved to Toronto as the licensee of McDonald's Corporation for Eastern Canada in 1968 and expanded McDonald's in Eastern Canada at a rapid pace through the years 1968, 69 and 70. Cohon was McDonald's Corporation's largest licensee with over 28 stores in July, 1970 at which time McDonald's Corporation acquired his license agreement. He stayed on as president of McDonald's Restaurants of Ontario Limited until such time as McDonald's Restaurants of Western Canada Limited was acquired by McDonald's Corporation and the present company, McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Limited was formed.

McDonald's in Canada now numbers over 140 units, stretches from coast to coast, has sales in excess of $100 million per year and employs over 10,000 people.

The new **CJN** director is a member of the American, Illinois and Chicago Bar Associations; a founder and director of the Better Boys Foundation based in Chicago; a past director of the Canadian Restaurant Association and a member of the Young President's Organization. In addition, he is a director of several public Canadian companies and also a director of a number of charitable institutions.

Cohon and his wife, Susan have two children -- Mark and Craig.

George Cohon

World News

Horev Report about Maalot enrages Dayan

JERUSALEM (JCNS) –

Moshe Dayan, the former defence minister, protested in an emotional outburst in the Knesset over criticism levelled at him in the Horev report on the Maalot massacre. He insisted at the end of the debate on the report that the government in Jerusalem and ministers at Maalot had done everything in their power to save the children.

Stung at one point in the debate by what he contended were attempts to make capital at his expense, he shouted: "I am ashamed that the government is forced to depend on the votes of such people."

When the Maalot hostages were taken, the government, he said, "had not decided to accept the terrorists' conditions, neither those given verbally nor those given in the letters. No exaggeration by some Members of Parliament will change that situation. What the terrorists asked of us was to release 20 Palestinian prisoners, send them to Damascus, and then depend on their word they would release the children.

On the question of using snipers to pick off the terrorists he said: "If is not I who made the proposal to use snipers but the capable commander of the army unit on the scene. He came and said there was already a possibility to liquidate them by sniping."

For all the disputation and hair splitting that came after the fact, said Dayan, it had to be remembered the thing was to adhere to the principle that any terrorists coming to murder or take hostages should not be allowed to leave alive. To give in to them was in effect granting license to murder, he declared.

Apart from criticism in the report of the role of Dayan and the Chief of Staff, Lieut.-Gen. Mordechai Gur, for ignoring written conditions in two letters sent out by the terrorists, the report also criticizes the children's escort of three teachers and two guards for "leaving them to face their ordeal alone without their morale-giving presence."

The Horev report contains nine recommendations including scrapping the cumbersome procedure of Gola Meir's administration of calling in all 23 members of the cabinet when taking urgent security decisions. There will now be a three member Inner Cabinet with Defence Minister Shimon Peres, Police Minister, Shlomo Hillel, and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

PLANES ON PARADE

Air Force Day took place in Israel recently. Spectators, shielded from the sun by a variety of headcoverings, watch from the grandstands as three Boeing 707 passenger planes roar overhead in a fly-past. (IPPA)

Judge defers Libyan's penalty

LONDON (JCNS) –

A Molotov cocktail and a plan showing the offices of El Al Israel Airlines and other buildings in Regent Street, London, were found when police searched a 28-year-old Libyan detective, it was alleged recently at the Central Criminal Court.

The Arab, Muftah Mohammed El Kattaf, was found guilty of possessing it with intent to cause damage or destroy property. He had pleaded not guilty. Judge Rigg, deferred sentence to a later date.

Henry Pownall, prosecuting, said that El Kattaf had been driven by a taxi at his own request to West End Central police station, where the search was carried out. And, said Pownall, when El Kattaf's hotel room in Queens Gate was searched, there was evidence that at least three people had been drinking there and the room was in disorder.

El Kattaf said he had gone to the police because he wanted to relax and think things over. He told the police he had no strong political views and was on holiday in Britain. Asked about the Molotov Cocktail, he laughed and said: "Why should I damage anything?"

He told the police he had been a detective officer in Libya and the plan -- found under a battery in a torch he was carrying -- was, he said, a private affair. El Kattaf's counsel, Roger Frisby, told the court that his client had clearly been sent on a mission by others to do something unpleasant, but had gone to the police instead. His room was found to be in disorder, there was a knife on the floor and El Kattaf's vest had been ripped.

Protest grave damage

NEW YORK (JTA) –

New York City Councilman Howard Golden has introduced a resolution urging President Nixon and Congress to protest the "desecration and destruction" of Jewish cemeteries in Eastern Europe.

"Measures should be taken by the governments of the Eastern European countries to right the existing damage wherever possible, and to protect and preserve the cemeteries so that they will not pass into oblivion," Golden said.

The Democratic lawmaker introduced the resolution after conferring with representatives of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry and the 1000-member World Conference of European Rabbis. Both organizations have also urged the federal government to take action to prevent damage to the cemetries.

Golden cited reports that the governments of the Soviet Union, Poland, Romania, Czechoslovakia and Hungary have decided to appropriate and destroy over 1,000 old Jewish cemeteries within their boundaries and replace them with housing, other developments and parks.

He noted that it has also been reported that gravestones in many cemeteries in Eastern Europe have, during the past three decades, been destroyed, removed and used for other purposes.

The World Conference of European Rabbis, comprised of survivors of the Nazi Holocaust, have also appealed to the president, stressing that many cemeteries, which, according to Jewish law are sanctified areas, "have been subjected to neglect and vandalism as well as to officially sanctioned destruction."

Rabbi Moses Rubin, conference president, wired the president that since respect for the deceased "is the highest precept of human decency, we urge that you raise this issue with Soviet leaders in the strongest possible manner."

WJC plenary set to be held in Israel

GENEVA (JTA)–

The special committee of the World Jewish Congress to determine the time and venue of the next plenary assembly met here recently and decided that the assembly should be held in Israel.

The Governing Council of the WJC, at its meeting in Lausanne last June, had decided to appoint a special committee on this issue under the chairmanship of Dr. Nahum Goldmann, WJC president.

The Israel executive of the WJC requested that the plenary assembly take place in Israel. This was supported by several other member-organizations, and as a demonstration of the identity of world Jewry with Israel, the plenary assembly shall take place in Israel next winter.

In response to repeated requests of a number of leading American Jewish organizations affliated to the WJC to hold a representative WJC gathering in the United States, the committee decided to recommend that the first meeting of the General Council of the WJC (the equivalent of the present World Executive under the new constitution) on which all the affiliated organizations in over 60 countries will be represented, should be held in the U.S.

Oil for Israel?

Institute probes coastal sea bed

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
CJN Israel Correspondent

REHOVOT, Israel –

Drillings in the North Sea brought the promise of oil self-sufficiency to England; now it appears that drillings in the Mediterranean may do the same for Israel.

Preliminary surveys of the sea bed off Israel's coastline -- at the edge of, or just beyond, the continental shelf -- have turned up geological structures which may yield oil, according to a statement made this week by the head of Israel's Oceanographic and Limnological Research Company, Admiral (res.) Yehai Ben-Nun. Ben-Nun, once a commander of the Israel navy, was reporting on surveys made by his company in co-operation with the Marine Geology Unit of the Geological Institute.

Advanced seismic equipment has already been acquired, added the admiral, for more exact investigation of those structures and for pinpointing possible drilling sites. While not guaranteeing that oil would be found, he described the anticlival structures as "very promising indeed."

It should be noted, however, that some of the sites are at depths that make exploitation difficult, given present-day technology. However, new techniques being developed elsewhere in the world should make drilling economically and technologically feasible in a few years time.

Meanwhile, plans are going forward for drilling on the continental shelf and on the mainland. Dr.

Nechemia Meyers

Zvi Dinstein, who is in charge of government oil operations, has announced that $6 million, most of it private capital -- will shortly be invested in probes along and just off the Coast Plain from Netanya to the Lebanese border. Surveys are also going on further to the south, particularly in the Gaza Strip area.

Considerable differences of opinion exist in regard to the possibility of striking oil around the Dead Sea. A group of foreign and local investors is reportedly willing to invest millions in drillings there, because, they believe, the asphalt found in the area indicates the likely presence of oil. Other observers -- and geologists -- think the asphalt only shows that oil was there, but that this oil has "migrated" away.

Israel hoped it had entered the oil era 20 years ago. For in September 1955, regular broadcasts were interrupted to announce that oil had been struck at Heletz, 35 miles south of Tel Aviv and seven miles east of the Mediterranean coast. Special songs were composed in honor of the occasion and stocks of local oil companies shot sky-high. But production did not live up to expectations. In 1965, when at its peak, Heletz and the surroundings fields yielded 202,000 tons of crude oil. Today production is one 1/4 of that figure, while Israeli consumption of petroleum products has risen enormously; it is now over 6 million tons a year.

The Six Day War brought Israel access to the Abu Redeis oil fields in Sinai, which yielded 4.5 million tons in 1973, as against 5.3 million tons in 1972. A further withdrawal of Israeli forces could cut off that supply of oil altogether, a fact which lends special urgency to drillings in "old Israel."

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Architect Joseph Singer built this structure which houses the Board of Education for the City of Hamilton. He has given up his practice to become deputy administrator of the buildings department for the Board.

Posterity may have last say on his work

Good or bad, architect has left mark

By M. WOLPERT
Hamilton Correspondent

HAMILTON -

Hamilton architect Joseph Singer is not perturbed by the fact that the first building he put up here, less than 20 years ago, has already been torn down to make way for a shopping centre. "Change means progress and progress means tearing down," says Singer.

In downtown Hamilton, however, there is a building which deserves to remain a little longer. With luck, it may even endure a century or so and then perhaps someone may recall the Jew from Cracow who made this North American city his home and left his mark here.

The building houses the Board of Education and sits opposite the city hall on Main Street and whether one likes it or not, it is impossible to ignore. To some it's a frivolous confection totally out of place in today's practical world. To others, its a delicate and graceful contrast to up-turned matchbox architecture and forbidding concrete.

The suggestion that posterity may have the final word makes Singer smile. "Some architects," he suggests, "have an edifice complex," but this is clearly not one of his problems. A modest and unassuming man -- "one of his good points," says his wife, Emmy -- he wonders mildly why anyone should be interested.

The outside of the Singer home offers no hint that it may be anything out of the ordinary but once inside, floor to ceiling windows on two sides give one the sensation of being in a forest clearing.

Without going to extremes, the house suggests having been designed to accommodate a thoroughly up-to-date family. There is also plenty of evidence that it contains more than one talent.

On the kitchen counter sits, of all things, a bust of Golda Meir, the work of Mrs. Singer, who took up sculpture a few years ago. On the walls hang drawings by eldest son Brian, 23, who prefers to complete his MA in sociology at U. of T. to the uncertain life of an artist. Seventeen-year-old Danny has so far shown no particular leaning towards the arts but 10-year-old Alex is decidedly musical.

The couple met while travelling to Israel and when they eventually settled in Hamilton in 1954, Canada was not altogether new. Singer had been here during the war with the Polish Air Force. Evacuated with his family to Siberia by the Russians, he was later released and joined General Anders' Polish forces in exile. After the war he studied architecture in Glasgow.

Many buildings in and around Hamilton bear the Singer stamp. He built Adas Israel synagogue, as well as one in Kitchener, the Beverley Golf and Country Club, motels, medical buildings and numerous private homes.

His special interest, however, turned out to be schools. He has built at least eight, ranging in cost from $200,000 to $4 million, and over the years his involvement with the interest in education has grown to the extent that, in 1970, he gave up his practice and joined the Board of Education full-time as deputy administrator of the buildings department.

Study of Canadian Zionism may be published soon

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

MONTREAL -

Henry Srebrnik, a young Montreal academic, is currently in the midst of negotiating with a major Canadian publisher who has expressed a keen interest in publishing his definitive study on Canadian Zionism.

Srebrnik, a 29-year-old Polish-born lecturer in political science and in Jewish Studies at Dawson College here, recently completed a manuscript on **The Role of Canadian Zionists in the Drive for Jewish Communal Unity in Canada, 1898-1921.**

The 14-chapter, 400-page book, written over a one year period, utilizes both Yiddish and English sources, and was researched at libraries and archives in Montreal, Boston, New York and Jerusalem.

Srebrnik's book traces the history of the Canadian Jewish community and the Zionist movement in this country from 1898, the date of the foundation of the Canadian Zionist Federation until 1921, when the modern Zionist Organization in Canada supplanted the earlier movement.

Of special importance, and described in detail, are the events of World War I in Canada, Palestine, the U.S. and elsewhere, that led to the formation, in 1919, of the Canadian Jewish Congress. The role of both general and labor Zionists in this process is heavily documented.

Srebrnik, who speaks and writes Yiddish fluently, and who holds an MA in Contemporary Jewish Studies from Brandeis University, was able to utilize a larger number of original sources and integrate them within a framework of Jewish history. As well, since he also has an MA degree in political science from McGill University, Srebrnik found that he could use all the methodology of the social sciences in analysing Canadian Zionism as a political movement in that period.

Says Srebrnik: "The study focuses on Zionist activity within the larger spectrum of Canadian Jewish life, and places it within that all-encompassing framework, since the Canadian Jewish community has always been overwhelmingly Zionist in its sympathies. "There is not and there never has been any significant number of anti-Zionists among Canadian Jewry."

Srebrnik is of the opinion that the main body of Jews, who succeeded in uniting the Jewish community and its Zionist organizations, was the second generation group of Lithuanian Jewish leaders whose families -- names such as the Jacobs, the Freimans, the Cohens -- had come to Canada before the mass migrations of the 1880s.

Henry Srebrnik

"By 1917 they had managed to effectively eliminate most of the uptown-downtown social and class barriers separating Jews organizationally," explains Srebrnik, "and with the accession of the Freiman leadership to the Zionist movement in 1921, the coalescence of the two communities became more or less stable and finalized."

Srebrnik hopes that his work shows the paramount role played by the Zionist movement in Canada, in all its facets, in the creation and moulding of what had become a distinctive and specifically Canadian Jewish community.

Srebrnik noted that, in terms of historiography and research, almost nothing has been done before in this field of Jewish Canadian history, which is why Professor Ben Halpern, author of **The Idea of the Jewish State** and Srebrnik's advisor at Brandeis, encouraged him in writing the manuscript.

Community fund, council elects Zack as president

VANCOUVER -

Sidney Zack, a community leader with extensive executive experience on both local and national levels, was unanimously elected president of the Jewish Community Fund and Council.

Thirty directors of the JFC and numerous visitors attended the Council's initial 1974-75 term meeting, held at the centre.

The directorate extensively debated the appeal by the Peretz school to have its dropped allocation of $7,878 reinstated. After heated discussion, and two votes that were defeated, Zack ruled that a special committee be struck to deal with the issue, with the topic agendized for the next meeting.

The slate of officers recommended by the nominations committee, chaired by Alec Jackson, was unanimously approved in a single ballot: first vice-president, Mrs. D. Frankenburg; second vice-president, Irvin Epstein; third vice-president, Daniel Goldsmith; treasurer, Arnold Barkoff; secretary, Mrs. R. Schwartzman; past president, Prof. S.L. Lipson.

The Peretz School issue was debated heatedly. Mrs. R. Raphael complained that the school had been deliberately disruptive to the Combined Jewish Appeal, and this was denied by school spokesman Dr. M. Hestrin.

Lou Lefohn, budget and allocations committee chairman, pointed out lack of general cooperation on the school's part in supplying requested information to the committee. He objected that the school representatives were using discriminatory connotations in stating that their request had been "rejected and excluded."

Michael Goldberg, another school spokesman, was ruled out of order for alluding that political beliefs and insufficient financial support of Israel were possible reasons for the Peretz school not being included as a campaign beneficiary this year.

Lefohn explained the budget and allocation committee's criteria, which the request failed to meet thus occasioning their non-admission as a beneficiary. Dr. Roy Waldman pointed out that the school's elimination as a beneficiary had been discussed for a number of years with Peretz spokesmen.

Dr. W. Seidelman suggested the Council's decision not to support the school was a conscious financial one and an unconscious political one. He urged a "task force" to examine the issue.

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Suspicious cries over sale of jets by French to Libya proven correct

Those suspicious Israelis. Always imputing base motives to others, never saying anything good about those who disagree with them.

Remember those French-built Mirages that were sold to Libya? Libya didn't have any pilots to fly them, but they got them just the same from their good friend, the French government.

And remember the reaction of those suspicious Israelis? The outraged cries from Jerusalem could be heard all the way to Paris and Washington. Those Mirages would find their way to Egypt, the Israelis declared. Selling them to Libya was just a subterfuge; the real destination was Israel's enemy, Egypt.

The French authorities were equally outraged to think that anyone would believe them capable of such a shabby piece of deceit. A condition of sale was that the planes could not be resold, said the French. Those Israelis, always bitching about something.

Well now, let's see what happened after the Mirages and spare parts were received in Libya. They stayed in that country for a while and then were sold to an unidentified Persian Gulf state (take your pick), and from there were shipped or flown to Egypt. And those Mirages were used by Egypt in the Yom Kippur War.

This piece of information doesn't come from Israel; a correspondent for the ORTF French television and radio networks made a tour of military installations in Egypt and discovered the Mirages. Correspondent Bernard Volker was told by an Egyptian Air Force colonel that the French jets were "sensational." Israel would have liked to have them, too, but that of course, was out of the question. France had some fences to mend in the Arab world and selling Mirages to Israel wouldn't help. But selling the jets to Libya from where they would find their way to Egypt, was one way of enhancing the French image in that part of the globe.

Those suspicious Israelis have one consolation, though rather a thin one. If those Mirages had been in their hands, there would have been much more effective use made of them. The Egyptian air force couldn't be said to have dominated the skies in the Yom Kippur War, French Mirages notwithstanding.

Expansion of fight for Soviet Jews into arena of little people welcome

All humanitarian movements run the risk of becoming ego trips for their leaders, and outlets for expressions of elitism.

In the case of the fight for Soviet Jewry, there have been few, if any cases, of individuals using the movement to promote their own private needs and interests; but there is disturbing evidence that when a scientist or poet or ballet dancer runs into trouble with the Russian authorities, the incident becomes an international cause celebre, compared to the attention given the day-by-day tragedy of little people.

This is easy to understand, of course, because glamorous and exotic figures stimulate far greater attention than do the mundane people of our world.

What is not easy to understand, is the manner in which those of the Jewish faith -- and yes, even non-Jews or self-deprecating Jews -- who have for years failed to identify with the fight to free Soviet Jews wanting to emigrate, suddenly become activists in the struggle because the dancer Panov is involved.

Which is not to say that the involvement of the culture buffs and intellectuals and journalists is not welcome; nor that the brilliant idea by a new women's group in Montreal's Westmount, calling itself "The 35's" in buying up a row of seats and keeping them empty during a Bolshoi Ballet performance to spotlight the plight of the Panovs, wasn't a lesson in effective protest.

What's to be said, is that the struggle for Soviet Jewry goes far beyond the elite of Russian Jews in the arts and sciences, and those who identify with the tragedy of a ballet dancer should be able to work as assiduously and effectively for the non-elite Jews in the trades and assembly lines.

It may be quite true that attention paid to a Panov also draws new attention to the entire situation of Russian Jews, and brings to the movement many who have previously stayed away, such as artists, intellectuals and academics, with the rationale that the very nature of their vocation made them "non-activist."

But now that they all know what the Struggle for Soviet Jews is all about and, in no way, restricted themselves to obtaining freedom of emigration for the elite, the movement can become stronger and more effective than ever.

Controversy continues in Israel over performance of German music

Controversy in Israel over the public performance of the music of Richard Wagner (and to a lesser extent of Richard Strauss) is not new and has raged periodically whenever its inclusion in a concert program or a broadcast has been suggested.

There are a variety of strongly held views on all sides, the opponents throwing into the argument Wagner's notorious anti-Semitic writings which are said to have been among Hitler's favorite reading and the Fuehrer's own glorification of Wagner's music as embodying everything that was best in the German Aryan tradition.

Against this view are ranged many, including musicians, who insist that Wagner's art is so tremendous, his influence on later musical development (including that of Jewish composers) so great, that it rises beyond the narrow intolerance of the composer himself to a plane where his opinions are irrelevant and only his music has meaning.

Wagner, who was born in 1813 and died in 1883, published his first attack on Jews anonymously in 1850, his targets being the power of "Jewish money" in general and the composers Mendelsohn and Meyerbeer in particular, as well as the Jewish poet Heinrich Heine with whom, he declared, "poetry became a lie."

Wagner republished this work in 1869 under his own name when he argued that Jewish influence had been responsible for the poor reception accorded his works both in Germany and in France.

His collected writings contain many references to Jews which, in later days, would have been termed Nazi. Observers of the German scene of that time have claimed that Wagner's writings helped to disseminate and make respectable intellectual anti-Semitism in the Germany of the pre-First World War.

Eric Werner, in his book on Mendelsohn, claims that Wagner praised the massacres of the Jews in Russia as an example worthy of imitation and himself wrote: "Drive them out, German people -- but not like the Egyptians, those Hamitic fools who even gave them golden vessels for the journey . . . May they find no shelter, no homeland, unhappier than Cain, may they seek and not find -- may they descend into the Red Sea -- but may they only never, never emerge from it -- German people, know thyself!"

The major Israeli objection to the performance of Wagner's music is psychological, even if this is poorly expressed. There are many amongst the thousands of Israeli music lovers who were themselves victims of the Nazis, who still form a close mental association between the music of Wagner and the years of their suffering and who are not yet sufficiently distant from their past to suppress the memories which its performance would arouse.

Opposition to the performance of the music of Richard Strauss is based on the fact that in 1934 he became president of the Nazi Chamber of Music and allegedly remained a passive supporter of everything that went on in Nazi Germany.

One composer whose works are frequently and freely performed in Israel is Franz Liszt whose anti-Semitism was no less than that of Wagner and, on published evidence, much more than that of Strauss. In his defence, it is pointed out that he was ready to solve the "Jewish problem" with the slogan: "Give them Palestine, their Jerusalem, their Temple!" adding the unfulfilled prayer: "May God grant that no hand will be bloodstained in this action."

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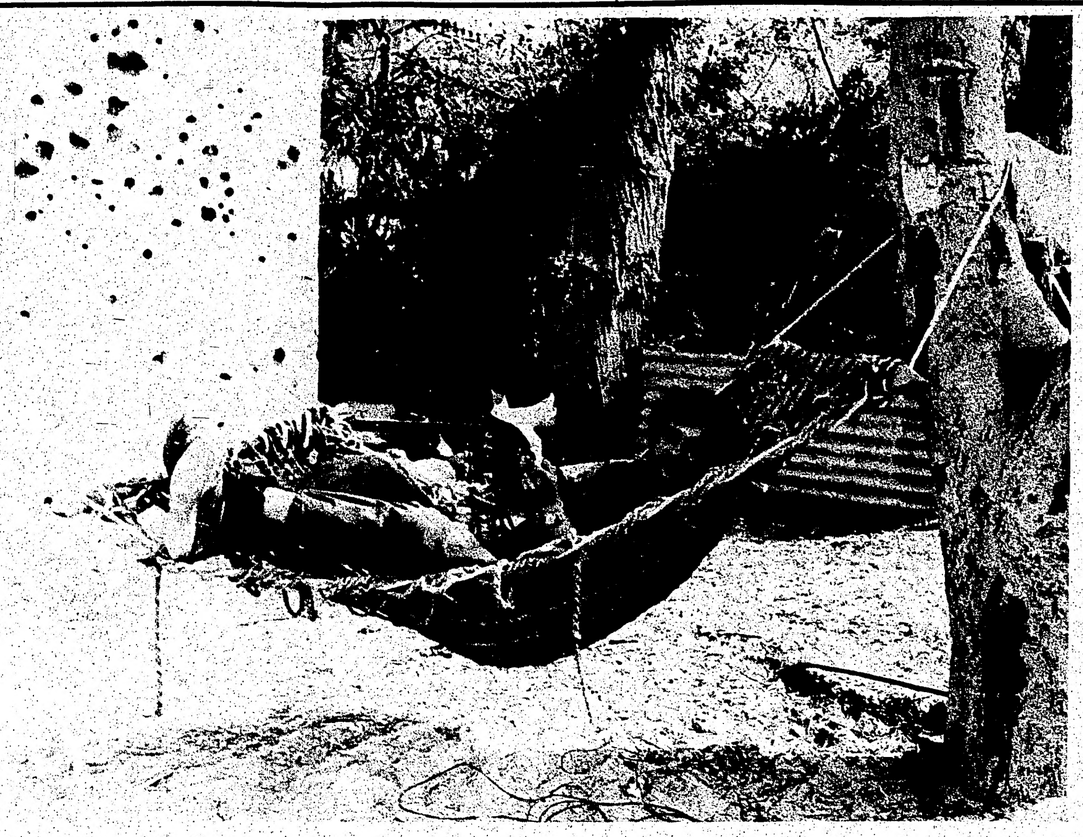

An Israel Defence Forces reservist uses a quiet moment to catch up on his reading as he takes things easy in a hammock.(IPPA)

'He illuminated their thorny path'

Jabotinski movement ends era

By YECHEAL HABERMAN

The observance of the Betar Jubilee marks the end of an era in the annals of the Jabotinski movement. It encompasses 50 years of magnificent activities and lasting accomplishments. Like a golden chain, this jubilee links our spiritually rich heritage of the past with the national regeneration of the present and our universal aspirations of the future.

Accordingly, the Betar Jubilee is a historical event of national significance. Inspired by their great teacher and leader Zev Jabotinski, a handful of young pioneers were instrumental in fostering a powerful movement devoted to the great ideals which were sanctified by the life and death of Josef Hagalili -- Josef Trumpeldor.

And when the storm began to gather over Europe, with dark clouds covering the Jewish horizon, Jabotinski appeared like a "pillar of fire" to illuminate their thorny path. He then mobilized all his extraordinary capacities to see and say, to dream and plan, to organize and implement new and untrodden ways. The response was overwhelming. In the thousands his disciples followed him, proudly carrying the banner on his sacred historic mission dedicated with heart and hand to the "Oral Law" as expounded by their great master.

Small wonder that this "Torat Emet" has kindled the imagination of the young Jewish generations in the past and continues to project, like a lighthouse, its powerful beams into the future.

It goes without saying that Jabotinski was a man of many extraordinary talents. He had a mastery of world literature just as he was home in world cultures. He was an orator par-excellence, just as he was a prolific writer. Yet, his principles and teachings were solidly based upon the eternal ethical and moral values promulgated by our ancient Prophets and Seers, forged in the crucible of time and tested in the fires of Jewish history and tradition.

Truthful to this rich and colorful tradition he extolled the spirit of the Maccabees, the self sacrifice of the Zealots, the immense intellect and "Kiddush Hashem" of Rabbi Akiba and his contemporary Bar-Kochba, who together raised the banner of revolt against the Romans. Following their example, and truthful to his own precepts, Jabotinski then formed a symbiosis of two opposite but nonetheless balancing forces as the determining factors in the creative survival of our people: "Moach" and "Koach," the power of the spirit, and physical power, the ideal and the real.

This philosophy constitutes the modus vivendi, whereby flesh and soul, matter and spirit, sword and book are harmonized into a modus operandi, or operational balance. It was this emulation of the indomitable spirit of the Maccabees, and as later formulated in the Talmud, that has inspired the Betar in its modern struggle for Jewish independence. Both the sword and the book found their ultimate fulfillment in the blue-white flag of Betar.

Let there be no mistake! Jabotinski and the Betar did not glorify power for power's sake. It was the "Rosh Betar" himself who emphasized that the Jewish people and civilization has always abhorred the spilling of innocent blood. He wished that Isaiah's optimistic prophecies and humanistic visions of universal peace among men and nature become a living reality. Oh, how he relished in Isaiah's prophecy.

Let it also be said that from the Betar's ranks there emerged the legendary hero and genius, Menachem Begin. Following in the footsteps of his master, Zev Jabotinski, sparkling with wit and ingenuity, he, like a mighty stream, has swept along both the youth of his generation and the people of Israel in the "revolt" which culminated in Israel reborn.

Betar! the struggle for "Israel Hashalema" is still on. Keep therefore aloft your banner and your precepts, for they are ever valid. From your ranks have come forth the greatest heroes, who have joined the pantheon of the national heroes throughout Jewish history: the Shlomo B. Josefs, the Gruners, "Etzel", "Lechi" and others.

Betar, you are the embodiment of beauty and glory. You are our spiritual aristocrats, the preservers of an immortal heritage bequeathed unto children of royal ancestry.

Betar, you have shaken off the dust of alien ideas, the blemishes of misleading ideals and assimilation. You are no longer a "Tinok Sh'nishba" - a child in captivity. You are full blooded national Jews. From your midst there come neither spies nor traitors nor "Jewish Panthers." Within your ranks are only heroes! May the banner of Betar continue to wave high. Thousands of hands are supporting it. Thousands of young people are pressing it against their breast. From the cold prisons of Siberia to the hot ghettos of Africa, they all weave your dreams and sing your songs.

Yecheal Haberman is vice-president of the Eastern Region of the Zionist Revisionist Organization of Canada.

This 1918 picture shows Zev Jabotinski (right), founder of the Zionist Revisionist Movement as an officer in the Jewish Legion. He is sitting with an officer in the French army.

ask the rabbi

Christian charges of heartlessness now more rare

1. With few exceptions Christians say that the New Testament describes Pharisaic Judaism as legalistic and heartless. What is the truth?

Thanks to the pioneering efforts of Gentiles scholars of the calibre of George Foot Moore and R. Travers Herford justice has at last been done to the Pharisees, so that the exceptions to which you allude are nowadays many more among educated Christians than you imply. Accusations of legalism and heartlessness carry no weight to those who knew Jewish life from the inside. The late Rabbi Kook was fond of saying that just as there are laws of poetry there is poetry in laws.

Dr. Hertz (Prayer Book p.341) quotes, with regard to the Sabbath laws for instance, from Kittel (a Christian Bible scholar): "Anyone who has had the opportunity of knowing the inner life of Jewish families that observe the law of the fathers with sincere piety and in all strictness, will have been astonished at the wealth of joyfulness, gratitude and sunshine, undreamed of by the outsider, which the law animates in the Jewish home. The whole household rejoices on the Sabbath, which they celebrate with rare satisfaction not only as the day of rest, but rather as the day of rejoicing. Jewish prayers term the Sabbath a "joy of the soul", to him who hallows it; he "enjoys the abundance of Thy goodness." Such expressions are not mere words; they are the outcome of pure and genuine happiness and enthusiasm.

2. If the Jewish child of an unmarried mother wishes itself to marry a Jew, what proof would be acceptable to a rabbi of its Jewish origin since no ketubah could be produced relating to a parental marriage?

All that would be required is for the mother's identity to be established as Jewish e.g. by discovering that her mother was known to be Jewish. The idea that identity can only be established by reference to the ketubah is a mistake. There is no support for such a procedure in Jewish law.

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Letters to the Editor

'Caravan' noticeably lacked a Jewish-Israeli Pavilion

Dear Editor:

The only deficiency in the recent "Caravan" fun was the noticeable lack of a Jewish-Israeli Pavilion.

Surely the Canadian Jewish Congress' Archivist, B'nai B'rith, some synagogue or some other Jewish organization is anxious to show how the Jewish community, as an integral part of the larger community, weaves its own brilliant thread through the vibrant and rich Canadian tapestry.

Let's plan it now!

Don S. Cowan,
Toronto

Dear Editor:

While we enjoy reading your newspaper and find it contains many articles of value to the Jewish community, we are disturbed that you also print advertisements for stores and restaurants selling non-kosher food.

We realize the importance of obtaining revenue from advertising to support your publication. However, we find this indirect support of patronage of these establishments incompatible with serving the best interests of the Jewish community and the maintenance of Jewish values and culture in Toronto.

Mr. & Mrs. Jay Balofsky,
Toronto

Dear Editor:

During the recent federal election, **The Canadian Jewish News** ran a very informative interview with candidates in Jewishly populated ridings soliciting their views on issues that would concern the Jewish voter. The symposium covered the issues fully, thus enabling many voters to clearly comprehend the stance taken by their chosen candidate and party. **The CJN** should be highly commended for sharing such valuable information with Toronto's Jewish community.

In light of this report, it would appear that many of the successful Liberal candidates (who promised support for nearly all of the issues raised) would scream "bloody murder" at the recent admission of the Palestinian Guerilla movements to the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Seas. Instead, Ambassador Allen Beasley of the Canadian delegation, when asked why Canada did not speak up was reported by the **Toronto Star** to have said " . . . everyone was afraid to stand up and be counted in the face of such a majority." Additionally, Canada's representative Paul Lapointe said " . . . we were not prepared to vote one way or the other." (**Toronto Star**, July 13, p.A8). Incidentally, United States Ambassador John Stevenson and Israeli delegation head Amiel Najar, clearly disassociated their governments from the invitation to the guerilla movements.

The report by **The CJN** was not supplied merely for the election, but should more properly be used time and again to remind our elected representatives of the statements that they made in order to get our votes. Write your Member of Parliament about the latest in a series of wishy-washy stances on foreign affairs and demand to know why Canada did not better represent the feelings of the electorate on this issue. I am sure that the editorial staff at **The CJN** would want their report used in this manner!!

David B. Woolf,
Willowdale

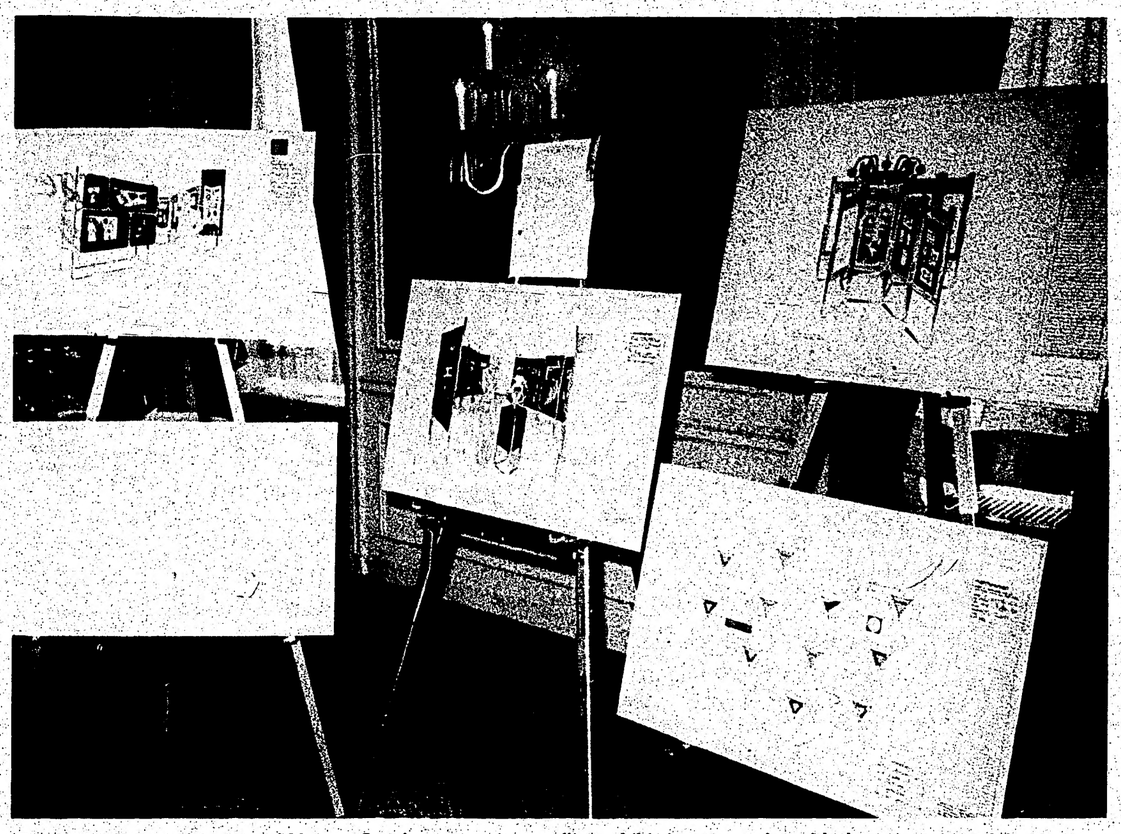
Dear Editor:

Why do our priests, ministers and rabbis continue to officiate at marriage ceremonies? This up-the-garden-path thing is more and more becoming the beginning of a senseless dissolutioning disaster; divorce.

When will our politically elected legislators get together and implement the legal matrimonial family law reforms that make more sense than the sounding-off of car horns before a religious wedding ceremony?

Until the Davis and the Trudeau governments pass legislation to give humane truth to the flowery myths of a church, temple or synagogue marriage ceremony, the clergymen should get out of the wedding business.

H. Max Seiden,
Toronto



The Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada prepares its travelling exhibit in co-operation with the communities of the Western and Pacific regions. Calls for a national Jewish historical society were recently approved at a Congress plenary session. (Gadi Hoz)

Call for national Jewish historical society renewed at Congress archives session

By A.J. ARNOLD
(Second of a Series)

A.J. Arnold

The call for a national Jewish historical society in Canada was made for the second time at a Congress plenary assembly archives session during the Toronto assembly. This time, however, it received unanimous approval in a resolution approved by the delegate body.

At the Montreal assembly in November 1971, Prof. Moshe Davis of the Hebrew University Institute of Contemporary Jewry told the archives session that, if a national society was not soon established, "the local geysers will inundate you." While flooding has not yet occured, regional and local historical streams are swelling and there is significant progress.

For the first time, a historical program was presented in conjunction with the plenary assembly. This was the walking tours of Old Spadina and the Kiever Synagogue exhibit organized by the Central Region archives committee with some support from the Toronto Jewish Historical Society.

More than twice as many people as in 1971 took part in the archives sessions. Moreover, these discussions concluded with a decision that the regional archives chairmen call another meeting within the next few months to further the proposal for a national society.

Although the archives session achieved a concensus on this question, everyone concerned is not of like mind on the direction to be taken by Jewish historical groups. Within the scope of the proposed program for a national Jewish Historical Society, however, there is room for variety among local and regional groups.

The Toronto society is actually the oldest Jewish historical group in Canada having functioned continuously for more than 20 years. Until recently its program was limited to the presentation of papers of world Jewish interest but in the past year or so some papers of specific Canadian interest have been presented.

Fortunately, a new group of energetic young people took the initiative which sparked the Spadina tour and exhibit program and they were given the "green light" by the Congress office. As part of a regional program, this group could become the "Spadina Archives and Marching Chapter" of the Ontario Jewish Historical Society. Yes, there is room for some nostalgia. And the need to assist local projects developing in Ottawa and Windsor should give impetus to the idea of an Ontario regional society.

In Montreal, the national archives and museum programs have recently been accelerated at Congress headquarters and the Jewish Public Library also has an archives program. Unfortunately, co-ordination is lacking and the Montreal-based Jewish historical society, which was started eight or nine years ago, does not appear to have had a single meeting for at least two years. There are certainly people in Montreal who are no less interested in Jewish historical programs than the people in Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver.

At the Congress plenary I met some of my fellow alumnae of Baron Byng High School who recently celebrated their 35th graduation anniversary. We talked about the fact that we all came from the neighborhood made famous by Mordecai Richler. The history of that district, though, and of the people who lived there, dates back long before Richler. If the potential interest can be stirred, there could develop a "St. Urbain Street Jewish Historical Society."

In Vancouver, the Jewish Historical Society of B.C., has just sponsored (July 4) a public exhibition as part of B.C.'s ethnic folk festival. Off in Halifax a few dedicated people are hard at work building up the archival records of Jews in Atlantic Canada. And another group is now becoming active in Edmonton.

With the completion of its new film on Jews in the west, the Jewish Historical Society of western Canada is now preparing to work with the other communities of the Western and Pacific regions in developing a major travelling exhibit.

All of this can be further stimulated by a national Jewish historical society, unfettered by a "head office" mentality, which brings together regional and local groups to exchange experiences, chart new directions, and encourage all groups to "do their own thing."

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Among the proud French population some are now beginning to question their role during Second World War

By JERRY FAIVISH

PARIS-

Liberte, Egalite, Fraternite. The French are a proud people and you'll find these words all over - be it on the Bastille, the National Assembly or Le Palais de Justice. And so with this tradition firmly entrenched in French history, it is not surprising that the French have established another freedom tradition. However, this one concerns the Second World War and it revolves around the notion of resistance.

You can see it and sense it everywhere - at the tomb of the unknown soldier, or at Place St. Michel where there are plaques commemorating the fighting of the French Resistance there between August 19-25, 1944; at the National French War Museum, where the bodies of several resistance members and deportees are honored, or at many of the various plaques scattered throughout the city and country saying: "Here died so and so for the glory of France." As the tradition goes, the French, because of their love for freedom, fought "tooth and nail" against the Nazis, and against their Fascist measures. Hence the glorification of the Maquis and the resistance developed.

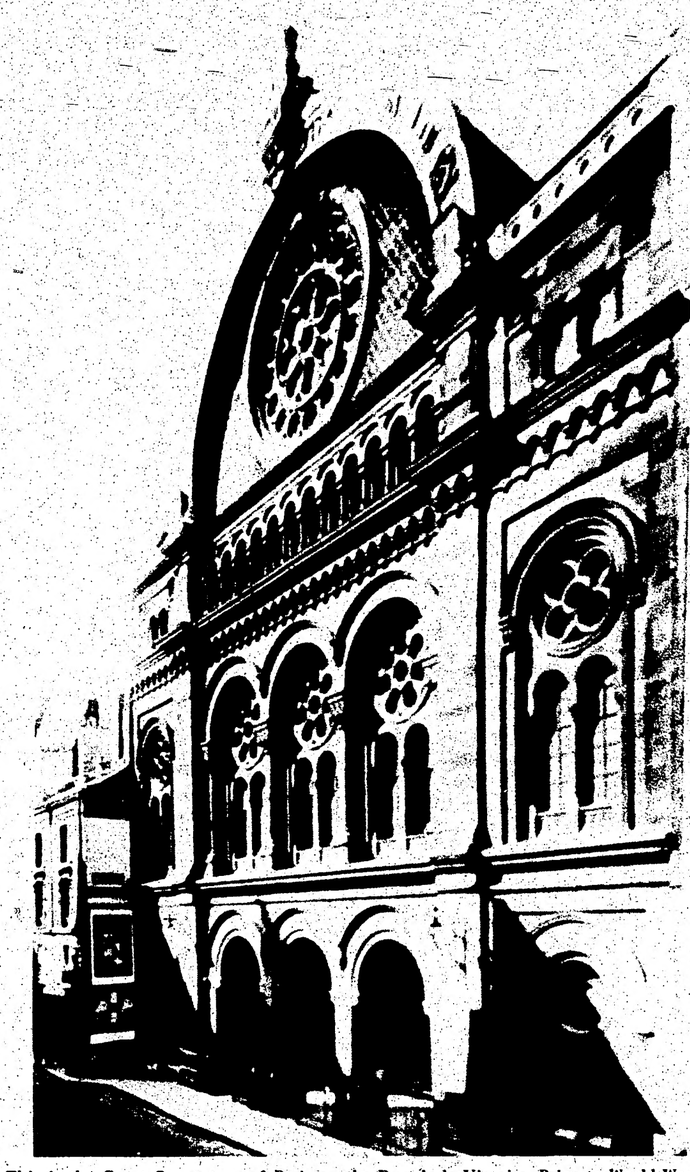
Yet, there are those who are beginning to question this tradition, especially the aspect that the French did all they could to save the Jews of their country. Foremost in this area were the makers of the documentary film, **The Sorrow and the Pity**. It was commissioned for French TV but it was never shown there.

The producers contended that many Frenchmen were complacent under the Nazis, and as far as the German treatment of French Jews went, most of the people couldn't give a damn. Also, when it came to the deportation of Jews, the makers of the film said, the French police rounded up for deportation and extermination numbers of Jews far in excess of the quotas given them by the Nazis.

Another movie which is presently a hit in Paris is one called, **Lacombe, Lucien**. It, too, deals with the Second World War, and it is the story of a young man who joins, not the Maquis or the Resistance, but the German forces. Eventually, he refuses to turn over a Jewish family for extermination. But the point of the film, in my estimation, is the fact that this young man, in any event, was a far cry from the typical traditional Frenchman during the war.

In reality, what these two movies, as well as other people are saying is that the Second World War French tradition fed to the French people and the world for such a long time, is a myth. Whether the tradition is a reality or a myth is something which one must decide for oneself. I have spoken to survivors who swear the French were as bad as the Nazis, and to others who are eternally grateful to the Frenchmen who risked their lives to save them and other Jews.

And so this controversy was in the back of my mind when I went to the Memorial de la Deportation - a memorial built and maintained by the French government in honor of those who were deported and exterminated. It's a sparkling, white memorial, on St. Louis Island, right behind the Notre Dame Cathedral. You travel down a long stairway and then squeeze through a narrow passageway. It is as if you are entering a crematorium.



This is the Great Synagogue of Paris on the Rue de la Victoire. Prior to World War II, there were an estimated 300,000 Jews living in France. About 85,000 Jews were deported in this period. By 1945, 180,000 Jews, who had survived the Holocaust, remained in France.

To the sides are the names of all the death camps and above them are quotes from Sartre and St. Expury. Before you lies 'Le Deporte Inconnu' behind there is the hallway of lights - each light representing the dead; and above there is a paragraph that says: "This is to honor those who died for France" . . . it was very impressive, very eerie and very moving.

Then, as I was leaving, I was challanged with the written commandment:

'Pardonne, N'Oublie Pas' - do not forget. It was then that I realized an interesting fact.

The word Juif (Jew) was not mentioned once in the memorial, only the word 'deporte'. What was the significance of this? After all, not only Jews had been deported from France, yet they did make up the greatest percentage. Was this an oversight, or did the French people wish to forget and this was a deliberate non-reference?

Jerry Faivish is an Osgoode Hall law student travelling through Europe this summer.

A rabbi's monetary value

By J.B. SALSBERG's
UNCLE ELIEZER

Everbyody knows that I'm not a writer. As I always say: I'm just an average Jew. True, that I keep my eyes and ears open to what goes on in our little Jewish world but, as a rule, I prefer to mind my own business. If there is any public criticism to be made I prefer that my nephew, J.B., be the one to do it. So, in view of that, you may ask, how do I come to pinch-hit for my nephew? Well, it's all due to my Jewish heart.

Here's how it happened.

J.B. looked to me like he could use a vacation, since he didn't have one for more than two years. So I urged him to drop everything and go away for a few weeks. But he maintained that a vacation is no vacation if one's mind is on the deadline for the next column. Then, unexpectedly, he turned to me and asked if I would agree to write his columns while he was away. It was here that my heart took control of my tongue and my ears were shocked to hear my lips say, "OK, I'll do it for you."

That's how I got myself into this position and now, like the frightened man on the diving board, I say: "Here I go!" Let's hope that the water won't be too deep for me.

So, let's start. What I'm about to tell you happened last Thursday in the steam baths. It's an old habit of mine (as it is of many of our brethren on Bathurst St.) to go to the steam bath on Thursday nights. Actually I'm one of a group of old regulars who form a steam bath fraternity. After a good steam and rub-down we eat sandwiches, make a Lechayim and then we talk, argue and try to settle all Jewish and world problems.

Mendel, an old timer in our group, is a real character who always has something to say. Mind you, Mendel is nobody's fool, he knows what's going on but he seems to try to be a bit provocative and different. So, as we were all sitting around drinking cokes, coffee or tea (mine is always with lemon) Mendel surprised everyone by saying: "Do you men know who was the most expensive rabbi in Jewish history?" It was certainly an odd question and no one replied. After all who ever kept track of the relative financial status of rabbis? But Mendel didn't wait too long and he began to name names and places.

(Attention, Mr. Editor! I wasn't born yesterday and I know that there are laws against libel. To protect myself, my nephew, as well as the paper, I will leave out all of Mendel's details. As additional protection I want to assure everyone that what follows has no relation whatsoever to any living being or to any given place in this country or elsewhere. Resemblances, if any, are purely incidental. Is that clear? OK.)

Mendel argued like this: If a ballerina loses the use of her leg or a violinist virtuoso loses the use of a hand it is reasonable that they should sue the insurance company for a couple of million dollars compensation since their careers and earning powers have come to an end. But when a rabbi, in the prime of life and in full possession of his faculties, sues for a similar amount because of disagreement with his congregation then such a rabbi places an evaluation of himself that no rabbi in Jewish history ever reached or dreamed of.

Can anyone imagine a European rabbi placing so high value on himself, asked Mendel. They were, as is well known, poor servants of their people. Mendel then said that even if we leave out the old country rabbis but examine the greatest of all times did they consider their value in terms of millions of dollars, rubles, marks or francs? Why, said Mendel, the greatest of all, Moses, was a poor man who lived in tents together with his flock and they didn't even allow him into the Promised Land after all he had done!

Mendel, who evidently prepared himself well, continued by referring to the other Moses - Maimonides - of whom it is said that from Moses, the Law Giver, to Moses, the son of Maimon, there was no one like Moses. According to Mendel, the Jews of Egypt didn't even support Maimonides; he earned his living from being the Court Physician of the Sultan of Egypt. Or take the founder of Chassidism, the Baal Shem, why, Mendel said, he was a poor shepherd. As for the Gaon of Vilna he wouldn't have known the difference between a million and a hundred, when it came to money.

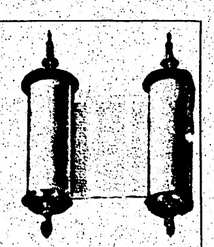
"So," Mendel concluded triumphantly, "there is no question but that the rabbi who seeks a million or two in compensation is the most expensive rabbi in Jewish history!"

Needless to say, Mendel's proposition resulted in a very hot and very long discussion. To tell the truth the verbal competition lasted so long that the wives of some of the men phoned the steam bath to find out why their men didn't return home at the usual hour.

I would love to report in detail what was said by whom that night but my nephew, J.B., warned me to keep it short because the editor with his measuring tape and scissor will stop me in the middle of a sentence. Why should this happen to me the very first time I write? So I stop now and hope to see you next week. Thank you.

Rabbi asks, will this Tisha b'Av see the birth of the Messiah?

sparks from the torah



By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Devorim/ Shabbat Chazon
Eleh hadivarim asher diber Moshe . . . These are the words which Moses spoke . . .

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When you play with dynamite, anything can happen -- and this Sunday is dynamite . . .

Why? Because it's Tisha b'Av, when we remember the destruction of our two holy Temples. Our Rabbis taught . . . the Messiah will be born on Tisha b'Av . . . and if we Jews play our cards right, maybe he will be born this Sunday -- that is, if he hasn't been born already. . .

What do we have to do? This Tisha b'Av we Jews must do such a **Teshuvah**, such a complete return to G-d, that we will be worthy of quick redemption. We must realize that He is the real boss, and the Torah is His word . . .

That's why we find an interesting thing. When the prophet Isaiah warned the Jews that the Temple would be destroyed unless they changed their ways, he told them, **"Yodah shor konayhu, v'chamor avus b'olov** . . . An ox knows its owner, and a donkey its master's feeding stall" . . . so you Jews should also know who's boss.

Its strange though -- why mix oxen and donkeys into his lectures? But the Talmud relates that a certain holy Rabbi Yochanan sold his ox to a Gentile. The animal was doing fine, until the Shabbos came -- when he sat down and refused to budge. No amount of hitting could move him . . . Shabbos is Shabbos. Until, finally, the Rabbi came and whispered in the ox's ear, "You're owned by a non-Jew now, so you're allowed to work . . .

Another holy man, Pinchas ben Yair, had a donkey who refused to eat any grain from his stall unless **maaser** -- the tithe -- had been taken off . . . That's what Isaiah meant . . . "You Jews . . . If oxen and donkeys know who's boss . . . and can keep the Sabbath, and know not to eat food which is forbidden -- you certainly should . . . " (Mayonoh shel Torah).

Who is the boss today . . . is it the Almighty, and his Torah? We are losing the cream of our youth to intermarriage. The figures are so tragic, that if we didn't have a Tisha b'Av before, we would set one aside now . . . But all this can be changed . . . How? By **Teshuva** -- by each Jew suddenly realizing that we are all in this together, and that each one of us must turn to G-d like never before . . .

No one can measure the power of a Baal Teshuvah -- a person who has strayed from the Torah, and then returns . . . For example, in this week's parsha, when Moses was about to die, he gathered all the Jews and started lecturing them about the bad things they did. But he didn't want to embarrass them, so he simply hinted at their **avayrot**, transgressions, by naming places . . . But the Jews got the hint, and felt terrible about their mistakes . . .

Later in his lectures, Moses again went over their transgressions, but this time he spoke about them openly . . . The Jews asked Moses . . . "Why was it that before you only hinted, but now you repeat our past errors so blatantly?" Moses answered them: "Before, when you had not yet done **Teshuva**, I didn't want to embarrass you. But now that you have repented with a full heart, every one of your past sins also becomes a **zchus**, a merit . . .

There is not a person, high or low, who does not sin. And there is not a person, old or young, who does not have the power to do Teshuvah and make a new start. This Tisha b'Av must be dynamite . . . not only because of the fasting, or the reading of **Aychoh, Lamentations** . . . that is only the means to an end . . . The end is that we must realize that the Holy Spirit, the Shechinah is in **galus**, in exile. It must wait for us to be redeemed. We must fix up what we have broken by our transgressions -- and everyone knows his own inventory. We must build a new foundation of deeds of kindness.

We must not speak evil of another Jew, even when it's true. We must pray sincerely for the redemption, not just pay lip service to it. We must give **Tzedakah** every day -- even just a few cents -- by having a **pushka** charity box, in our homes . . .

Was the Yom Kippur War, begun on our holiest day, the birth pangs of the Messiah . . . Who knows? But it's time already, time long overdue. And it's up to you and me to deliver. Shabbat Shalom.

The "Sparks From The Torah" television program can be seen on Willowdowns Cable, Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m., Keeble Cable, Thursdays at 8 p.m. and York Cable, Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Organizations and People

what's new...

By MIRIAM HERMAN

No wonder Anthony Leonardi is all smiles. He receives a $5,000 cheque for having the most correct answers in the ORT Cashword Puzzle contest. The presentation was made by Dorothy Schoichet, Toronto Women's ORT past president. The 27-year-old chemist and soccer star (he went to university in the U.S. on a soccer scholarship) immigrated to Canada from Italy only nine years ago. He won on a single entry among approximately 7,000 entries in Ontario. (Hoz)

SHABBAT NACHAMU

Each year on the Friday evening that ushers in Shabbat Nachamu, the Sabbath of Consolation, which follows the fast of Tisha b'Av, B'nai Israel Beth David Congregation holds its service under the open sky. This revives the mystic custom prevailing in Safed, Israel, several centuries ago, when the Sabbath was welcomed in this manner. This year, the service takes place Aug. 2, at 8:15 p.m. It will be conducted on the synagogue grounds by Rabbi Albert Pappenheim and Theodore Bloom, ritual director. The public is invited to attend, especially families with children.

BALLET COURSES

A special summer course for all ballet students in the greater Toronto area has been announced by Jacque Foesier, director of Y-Arts Council School of Dance at the YM-YWHA. The classes will take place at the Northern 'Y' on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from Aug. 6-29. Included in the schedule will be special coaching classes for beginners over the age of 10, remedial classes for students with specific problems, and exercises to prevent injury. Guest teacher for some of the sessions will be Ian Robertson, formerly with the National Ballet Company of Canada. For registration and information, call the Northern 'Y'.

INVESTING IN ISRAEL

Israel Investment Clubs purchased more than 20% of the securities traded on the Tel Aviv stock exchange during the October war and the critical weeks that followed. There are about 200 such clubs in Canada and the U.S., 120 of them sponsored by B'nai B'rith. Each club has from 10 to 25 members organized into a legal partnership. The investors subscribe a set amount each month to buy Israeli stocks and bonds. The program began in 1970 and about $300,000 was invested that year. Last year it was well above $8 million.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Jewish Historical Society of British Columbia has received two awards from private foundations. The Leon and Thea Koerner Foundation has awarded $500 to help the society foster greater community interest and involvement in its work. The Carling Community Arts Foundation granted $3,000 for the production of a brochure on the jewish settlement in B.C. and the Yukon.

FOR FOLK DANCERS

Folk dancing enthusiasts might like to know that, on Tuesday evenings through to the end of August, there is folk dancing at Sir Winston Churchill Park (St. Clair and Spadina Road) from 7:30 p.m. till dark. The folk dancing-jam session is under the direction of Ernie Krehm and sponsored by the University Settlement Folk Dancers.

On Wednesday evenings at 8:30 p.m. at Temple Sinai, there is folk dancing for beginners and intermediates with instructor Al Gladstone.

ZIONIST CONFEDERATION

The World Confederation of General Zionists is now known as the World Confederation of United Zionists. The name change was decided at a meeting of the world executive of the confederation in Jerusalem recently in order to avoid confusion with the World Union of General Zionists, which in Israel is affiliated to the Liberal Party in Likud.

WOMEN'S LIB IN ISRAEL

Israel's Women's Liberation Movement is really on the move. Earlier this month a feminist centre was opened in Haifa to offer legal, medical, psychological and vocational counselling. The first of a series of talks to be given at the centre filled the club room to capacity.

...about people

Barbara Hakuk

Former Toronto singer Barbara Gryfe Hakuk, now living in Jerusalem, is visiting her Toronto family for the summer with husband, Yaacov, and son, Raphael Shlomo. Now a regular on the entertainment circuit for Israeli soldiers, she will be taping a number of shows for local TV and radio, as well as appearing at Ontario Place, Sunday, Aug. 11.

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Usually it is the bride's mother who is busy, busy, before the wedding, but in the case of the wedding of Joel Bornstein and Dora Stricker, the groom's mother was wrapped up in the preparations too. Yetta Bornstein not only crocheted the tallisim for her son and husband for the Calling to the Torah the Sabbath before the ceremony, but she crocheted the yamulkas for all the men in the wedding party (about 24). In addition to that, she did the Hebrew letters on the valance of the chupa in needlepoint. And to top that off, she will be embroidering the signatures of all the guests (they signed their names on fabric rather than in a guest book) and incorporating them into a wedding quilt.

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The chief rabbi of Beersheba, Elias Katz, is in Toronto for a 10-day visit with relatives. While in town, Rabbi Katz, who was chief rabbi of Czechoslovakia before fleeing to Israel in 1968, will be speaking on behalf of the Kollel in Beersheba, a yeshiva for young married men who receive a wage while they are learning.

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With the congregations -- Heading up Magen David Congregation for the next two years are David Bensimon, president; Jack Bengualid, Jack Benaim and Morris Dadoun, vice-presidents; Albert Zrihen, secretary; and Morris Moryoussef, treasurer. . . Oakville's Beth El Congregation 1974-75 executive list reads -- Salomon Chernia, president; David Greenblatt, treasurer; and Alan Powell and Betty Yan, secretaries. . . Beth Israel Congregation in Kingston has appointed David Shanas, a 22-year-old student at St. Lawrence College, as gabbai sheni, which makes him, if not the youngest, then one of the youngest shule gabboim in the country. His grandfather, Mr. Mr. Tevan, is the gabbai rishon of the synagogue.

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The memory of Papillon, whose best-seller about his escape from Devil's Island brought him world fame, is now being perpetuated in Israel. His widow, Mme. Rita Charrier nee Ben-Simon, has arranged for the planting of 200 trees in Israel in memory of her husband. Her contribution was made through the Jewish National Fund office in Paris. The trees will be planted in JNF Ben Shemen Forest.

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Paul Beer has been named executive director of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, located in Beersheba, Israel. One time director of the guest department of Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal in Jerusalem, Mr. Beer is now headquartered in Montreal and plans a cross-country tour on behalf of the university shortly.

Brief presented on Bill 22

From our Quebec bureau

MONTREAL -

A Jewish delegation travelled to Quebec City to present a brief on the proposed language legislation -- squeaking in just one day prior to the Liberal government's cut-off of the hearing proceedings.

The Joint Community Relations Committee, under the chairmanship of Joel Pinsky, presented the Bill 22 brief to the 12-member, all party, hearing committee.

The submission, published recently in **The Canadian Jewish News**, recommended that both English and French be the two official languages, but with French having pre-eminent status.

A power-packed delegation accompanied Pinsky, and they included Jean-Claude Lasry, president of L'Association Sepharade Francophone, Boris Moroz, president of Canadian B'nai B'rith, Charles Bronfman, president of Allied Jewish Community Services, lawyer Julian Kotler, and Congress professionals Alan Rose and Meyer Levy.

In Montreal, **The CJN** contacted Chairman Pinsky but he was out of town. However, Julian Kotler, a lawyer, related questions that were asked the Jewish delegation by members of the hearing committee.

According to Kotler, one query asked whether the brief represented the Jewish community.

Stated Kotler: "The delegation said the submission on Bill 22 represented the preponderant majority, as was stated in the brief, but we also explained that there was a minority position. The brief, we stressed, represented more than half the Jewish community."

A second question, according to Kotler, was posed by Jacques Morin of the Parti Quebecois, who asked the delegation how many official languages Israel has.

Although Kotler felt this was an irrelevant question, he said the delegation replied that it was present to extend a Quebec view, as Canadians, on an important provincial matter.

"The delegation explained that it wasn't there to compare, but if the PQ wanted any more information, they should consult the ambassador," he added.

Kotler revealed to **The Canadian Jewish News** that the delegation "just knew someone would ask" that kind of a question.

Mortgage broker's group elects Exton president

TORONTO -

Eric Exton is the newly-elected president of the Society for Accredited Mortgage Brokers.

He believes the society has a unique membership of mortgage brokers of the highest calibre and that the society must continue to exert every effort to ensure that the best interests of the public are served by mortgage brokers.

"The society should use the expertise within its membership to review all legislation and other government actions related to the mortgage industry," said Exton. "These recommendations should then be passed on to the Ontario Mortgage Brokers Association for their discussion and action."

Eric Exton

"There have been occasions when governments have taken actions that have been detrimental to mortgage brokers and not in the best interest of the public," he said. "An early analysis of these situations and a good communications program could avoid many of these problems."

Exton is president of Seel Enterprises Limited and a number of property management and investment corporations. He is president of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and past-president of the Hillel Advisory Board of University of Toronto.

Policy towards Israel

'Realism is necessary'

From Our Quebec Bureau

MONTREAL -

The executive-director of the Canada-Israel Committee hopes that Canada's 30th Parliament will continue, "on an all-party basis," to be sympathetic and friendly to Israel's aspirations for security and development.

"But we have to be realistic about Canada's foreign policy in the area of the Middle East, since it is generally the line between the U.S. position and Europe's," said Meyer Bick.

"We have a number of things to go by," said Bick, who reiterated Trudeau's statements at the Congress Plenum in Toronto when the prime minister assured Canada's adherence to Resolution 242 -- which spells out Israel's right to exist in secure borders.

On the subject that may be foremost in the minds of many Mideast analysts in the months to come -- the question of a Palestinian state -- Bick said that the Canadian government "has no formal position on the Palestinian entity."

The CIC executive director told **The Canadian Jewish News** that Trudeau is well versed on the problem. On a recent French-language program, the prime minister asked an interviewer: "Are you aware that the Palestinians have not recognized Israel?"

Trudeau's response, came in a reply to a question by broadcaster Andree Payette, a sympathizer of the Palestinian cause, who asked: "Are you aware that Israel has refused to recognize the Palestinian nation?".

Elsewhere on the Canada-Israel front, Bick said that a brief will be presented to the President of Tele-Metropole, a French language television station in Montreal, regarding comments and views of broadcaster Roger Delormes.

Delormes was the centre of a controversy some months ago when the Canada-Israel Committee appraised the Canadian Radio Television Commission of Delormes' attitudes on the Middle East. The broadcaster was then a hot line host for a local radio station.

Delormes now issues his views on a hot line television show on Tele-Metropole called **Au Jour le Jour**.

Orientation session is held

TORONTO -

Over 100 Russian Jewish immigrants filled the auditorium of the Eitz Chaim building in Willowdale recently to attend the first of a two-weekly series of sessions in Jewish education and orientation to Canadian life, sponsored by P'eylim of Canada.

They were greeted by the chairman for the evening, Jan Minailov, himself a Russian immigrant. The program included a welcoming address by Rabbi Chaim Jaffee, director of P'eylim, and a lecture on Jewish identity delivered by Rabbi Shlomo Moddel.

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Senior craftsman Louis Brownstein takes measurements for a frame at the Folk-shop. The shop, which sells a variety of handicrafts made by senior citizens, is enjoying success among gift-hunters in Montreal. (H. Kay)

Camp's switch to elderly retreat stopped by heavy influx of young

By IRWIN HUBERMAN

MONTREAL – Due to an influx of campers this summer, Camp Wooden Acres will retain its present identity as a summer camp for children.

The administration of the camp had been toying with the idea of converting into a Golden Ager's retreat. However, the topography of the camp, coupled with an increased demand for children's bedspace have scuttled the plan.

"There was some thought at one time of turning the camp over to the Golden Agers," said Herb Whittes, president of Camp Wooden Acres, "but this has been dismissed. A decline in demand for children's bedspace has not materialized."

Whittes said that there is currently a waiting list of children ready to enter the camp.

Located in St. Adolphe De Howard, about 45 miles north of Montreal, Camp Wooden Acres provides an opportunity for young people from less affluent families to enjoy four weeks at summer camp. Families pay a fee according to their financial situation, with the deficit being picked up by the Allied Jewish Community Services.

Earlier this summer, the camp was the scene of a pre-camp Judaic culture training period for counsellors of various community camps.

"We are always considering other areas," Whittes said, "where we can have the camp used for a much longer period than ever before."

Later this summer Camp Wooden Acres will host 125 youths from Conservative congregations for a weekend.

Weekend proves an inspiration

KIMBERLEY, Ont. – Inspiration ran high as 160 people from all walks of Jewish life met to share a weekend in a Lubavitcher setting. The Chassidic theme was a first for the annual B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism held here recently.

Dr. Velvl Greene, Winnipeg-born University of Minnesota professor of public health and microbiology, who highlighted the weekend at Talisman Resort Hotel as guest speaker, selected **Torah in the Space Age** as his theme.

He led the delegates on a journey of imagination in a space capsule travelling for thousands of years to reach a distant planet. He said if those in the capsule lost their sense of right and wrong, and no one imparted information to their children for the generations to follow, "what is up and what is down would be forgotten forever.

"Only the people entrusted with the Torah know where they are going and know right from wrong, and therefore each succeeding generation must pass it on," Greene said.

Organized by Jack Rowan, adult education chairman of the Toronto Regional Council of B'nai B'rith, the "Encounter with Chabad" featured a Chassidic Shabbat with blessings made by all the delegates together, and spiritual singing, clapping, and dancing.

Provides outlet for craftsmen

Folk-shop has first birthday

By T. SCHNURMACHER

MONTREAL – Whether it's the purchase of a hand-made gift, the repairing of a watch or the framing of a picture -- the Golden Age Association's boutique, stocked with the handiwork of senior citizens, is a unique place to shop.

The Folk-shop is an outgrowth of Job-Aid, a non-profit employment referral service for senior citizens. Stephanie Marcovitz who helped set up the Folk-shop explained: "When Job-Aid interviews a senior citizen, we have a personal approach. It is important for the older person to feel he is still needed by our society.

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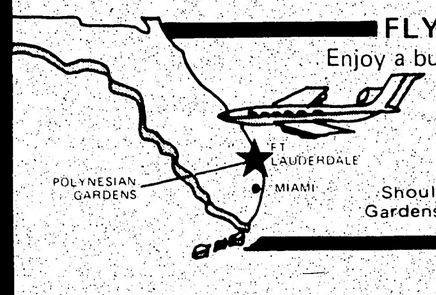

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Mary Hitch (left) and Jennifer Phipps as Regina, star in the Kurt Reis production of Lillian Hellman's classic, "The Little Foxes" at the St. Lawrence Centre.

Play misses main theme that money is corrupting

theatre

By LYNN SLOTKIN

Lillian Hellman's classical play, **The Little Foxes** is devastatingly powerful, but you almost wouldn't know it from the production at the St. Lawrence Centre.

In its broadest sense the play is about capitalism at its greedy ruthless worst; and Hellman creates this broad picture by being very specific. She writes about the Hubbard family: Regina and her two brothers, Ben and Oscar, a Southern nouveau-riche family at the turn of the century. A very important deal has just been closed with a businessman from the North; now all that is needed is the money to finalize it. The brothers put up their share, and wait for Regina's husband Horace to put up the rest. But Horace has been sick and silent and doesn't appear to be for the deal. What follows is a series of double and triple dealings climaxing with a generous helping of just retribution.

The whole point of the play is to show the corrupting power of money: to show that people can become so vicious that they double-cross family and even kill for it. If this power isn't brought out then all you have is a play about a family fight. That's what you have at the St. Lawrence Centre.

Director Kurt Reis is sometimes successful in developing moments and bringing out aspects in characters. There is a lovely scene that shows Oscar's wife, Birdie, to be an absent-minded, head-in-the-clouds lady. Reis develops the idea that Regina and Marshall (the northern business) have monkey-business on their minds, as well as money-business.

But most of the time Reis goes overboard over-developing or else completely disregarding what is in the script.

Oscar and his son Leo are cruel bullies, but the boorishness of these two just doesn't seem to fit. Would Oscar really put his feet on the furniture, especially Regina's furniture? Would Leo, who tries to look the part of a gentleman, really slurp his coffee? Would Addie, the maid, talk that sharply to her employer and not get fired? Such questions weaken this production.

The biggest weakness is with the part of Regina. Reis, and to a lesser extent, actress Jennifer Phipps just didn't know what to do with her. Regina is an icicle; Miss Phipps is merely cold. Regina is hard as granite. Phipps is just tough. You never get the idea of Regina's single-minded ambition for material wealth in her performance; she talks rather dreamily about possessions, instead of bitingly. Regina would watch Horace die frigidly with no concern what-so-ever. Reis has Miss Phipps show concern, regret, relief, joy and a few undecipherable emotions, all in the space of a few moments.

Towards the end of the play, Miss Phipps does show the true, harsh colors of the character, but where was she for the rest of it?

Reis is luckier with the other characters. Leslie Yeo is a shrewd, calculating Ben. Sean McCann is quite fine as Oscar, a man of controlled fury. Frances Hyland as Birdie is simply brilliant. Her Birdie has incredible intensity, desperation and strength. Birdie is an aristocrat, and Hyland is perfect.

The central character of The Little Foxes is Regina, but it takes a little Birdie to save this production.

Dedicated head of busy Ontario Arts Council looks with optimism at the future for artists

By JENIVA BERGER

A psychologist's paradise. A maze of rooms and half screened-in areas where people say hello to you on one side of a brief poster, walk off in another direction then suddenly appear on the other side of the poster. But this is not the game on the back of a cereal box; it's the Ontario Arts Council, and it's busy. Very busy.

You know that it's busy because once you're escorted to the "cubbyhole" of its executive director, Louis Applebaum (Mr. Appleblossom as one of his colleagues calls him) his secretary comes flying in to retrieve the glasses and pipe of the man who's been there before you. Some turnover.

Applebaum does not appear harassed as he reads a hasty reminder to "call England." He orders a coffee to be sent out to the next person waiting to see him and settles back in a deep sofa. The room is not a cubbyhole (joking again, Mr. Appleblossom: it's a spacious, bright, comfortable place to go mad in. But Louis Applebaum, even on his frantic schedule is not going to do that. He's relaxed and good heavens, even cheerful. He likes to talk.

"I'm a very verbose man," he says softly. I don't believe him. "It's true" he insists. "I just read over a transcript of a seminar I gave in Guelph -- and it's awful. Should be cut down by 1/3 and edited. Hope they haven't already sent it out."

Asking the inevitable question: how does a man who's swamped with the responsibility of heading our major arts grant-giving body in the province have time to lead seminars and continue composing, the answer shot back, "I freelanced for 25 years and you learn how to juggle two or three bosses at a time." I couldn't help but remember a corny line from an old film where a young singer is darkly warned, "music is a very jealous master," and laughing inwardly as Louis B. told me that the only reason he started composing was because he was "too lazy to practise the piano."

The lazy guy in front of me, who in 1953 was made music director of the Shakespearean Festival and has since written the score for one of its major plays each year, (this season it's King John), didn't mention the starchy word discipline. But he confessed that 10 years ago he couldn't have written the background music for The National Dream the way he just did -- an episode a weekend. It's a matter of learning how to compress, I was told, and I thought, learning the score.

The former Harbord Collegiate student grew up schooled with the ethic that it was an obligation to make a success of yourself, even though music was not considered to be the yellow brick road to fortune.

"I took a music course at the University of Toronto because it was the cheapest." The first thing he wrote earned him a Capec songwriting award. To pick up his prize he went to Ottawa with notables like Lord Tweedsmuir while a then unknown photographer named Karsh took his picture for the occasion. The son of a ladies' coat maker was on his way.

Scholarships enabled him to study in New York and a short time later he became music director of the National Film Board, after prodigious scoring for ballet, radio, TV, and films, conducting, an increasing involvement in arts administration.

The Arts Council takes up the bulk of his time, but he still squeezes in nighttime pottery classes and looks forward to a yet untitled course he'll be giving at York University next fall; unique in that it will bring together student composers with other students from the film, radio and television department to help them to learn how to work and communicate with one another.

Louis Applebaum -- Ontario Arts Council director.

It comes as no surprise that the top priority of the Ontario Arts Council is the individual artist. "We've never used them properly," its director says. "It's not just giving them money, but a function which society will accept. It's a 10-year job."

Will social attitudes change? Will Louis B. Applebaum lose his optimism? The answers will have to stand the test of time.

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Canada-Israel tourism is up over 1973 figures

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travel to Israel had experienced a very fast recovery after the Yom Kippur War. The background to this recovery, he said, lay in the fact that as a community, Canadian Jewry had unusually close ties with Israel. "As far back as 1970, a study showed that 6.8% of the total Canadian Jewish population travelled to Israel compared with 2.9% of the U.S. Jewish community in the same year," he said.

"In 1971, nearly 24,000 passengers travelled by air from Canada to Israel. In other words, nearly 10% of the Jewish population. These are very impressive figures. The only comparable situation is in South Africa, where again you have a relatively small population with close ties to Israel."

El Al in a news release from Israel, said it had registered a profit for the 15th consecutive year. Presenting the annual report of the company's activities, Mordechai Ben-Ari, president of El Al, announced that the net profit recorded was about $144,000 after an allocation of approximately $125,000 to deferred tax fund. Although profits were down by almost half from the previous year, these results were called an achievement in a year of war and border incidents and during the worst period in civil aviation when many major airlines recorded losses running into millions of dollars and have applied for government aid to continue operations.

The price of fuel which has tripled during the past year has threatened the economic viability of the international airlines. On his recent visit to Canada Ben-Ari called the rise in fuel costs "a bomb which shattered the airlines' expense structure." Fuel today accounts for 20% of the total costs in airlines compared with 9% just one year ago.

Although a decrease of 6% was recorded for the last fiscal year for arrivals in Israel by air, El Al succeeded in registering an increase of 8.8% in the number of passengers carried, the annual report said.

First women to head TZC

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izing it, these arguments influenced her beliefs so greatly she became an ardent life-long Zionist.

While relating some of the stories of her Jewish activities, a modest, yet a determined personality emerges. Although she was on the Toronto and national executives of Hadassah-WIZO, she feels her greatest accomplishment in this body was to create the Toronto Hadassah-WIZO choir. For many years she was chairman of Hebrew for the TZC. She glows as she explains how she became one of the founders of the Keren Hatarbut adult Hebrew classes in Toronto. In a few years it grew from one class of four students to over 250 students.

Her interest in Hebrew, which she claims stems from her scant Jewish education in Port Carling, led her and Genya Intrator, now chairman of Women for Soviet Jewry, to form a committee of two. About 10 years ago when they were students at York University's Atkinson College, they approached York University and several boards of education in Toronto "to sell Hebrew on its own merits." It was a long struggle but subsequently it did come about. "We have to stand up for ourselves. We have to stick out our necks," she said.

Although she always retained her membership in the TZC and was a member of the national executive of the Zionist Organization of Canada, two years ago she decided to devote more time to her painting and writing. But the Yom Kippur War thrust her back into greater community involvement.

She hopes that this year the TZC will have an all-day seminar and will be able to get more people involved as participating members, particularly younger people, rather than just members of an audience hearing a speaker. As well she is looking forward to the ZOC national convention in Israel next February.

300 students are expected to explore minority status

By T. SCHNURMACHER

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An anticipated 300 students from Europe, Israel, United States and Canada will attend a five-day Conference on Minorities in the Quebec Laurentians. The bilingual event to be held in the fall, will explore Jewish minority status within the context of other minority groups.

The delegates will meet with qualified resource people and explore the topic through various media presentations, dances, theatre, speakers and film.

The seminar will take place at the 'Y' country camp at Huberdeau, Quebec, under the sponsorship of the World Union of Jewish Students, the Canadian Union of Jewish Students and the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation of Montreal.

Anne Hertz, conference co-ordinator, explained: "The conference will be bilingual, with sumultaneous translations made available for the major sessions.

"Quebec has been chosen as the site of the conference because, as a centre of on-going debate on the minority issue in Canada, it provides the ideal atmosphere for such an event."

The seminar will be both educational and cultural, focusing most intensively on the Jewish minority, but also dealing with the varied cultural and political expressions of other ethnic minorities.

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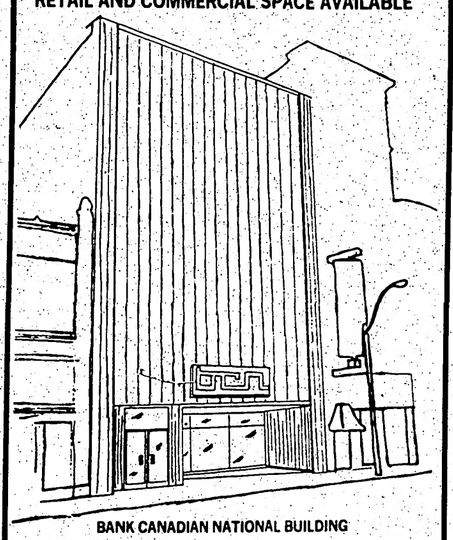
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'Shiva syndrome' hurts Israeli tourism

In My View

By CHARLES LAZARUS

MONTREAL -

The other day I was sitting with a friend deeply and professionally involved in Israel, when the conversation turned to tourism.

This is not the conversation went, the "Year of Europe" -- what with rising air fares, spiralling inflation and Americans, who are the greatest of travellers, apparently not wanting to be away when the Watergate Follies goes into its finale.

Since Mordechai Ben-Ari, president of El Al, had only recently paid a visit to Montreal, and I had had the opportunity of spending a very rewarding hour with him, the next point tackled was the condition of tourism in Israel, and how both the cost of foreign travel and the mood of Israel in the aftermath of the disengagement in the Sinai and the Golan, were affecting the tourist situation.

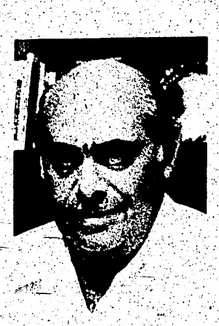
My friend put it this way, and I think he's right:

"What bothers me most is what we can call the 'shiva syndrome' which means people from Montreal and other points going for a visit, or even on one of those so-called missions, and coming back with a sad voice and face to report that the entire country is still in a deeply depressed emotional state because of the Yom Kippur calamity.

"Now if I was responsible for Israel tourist promotion, I would spread the word how fantastically the country has recovered; how it's getting increasingly tough to find rooms and airplane space; how cultural and athletic events are being organized; how the country is returning to normal -- and normal tourism for Israel is that it has been one of the best in the world."

I know this sounds like a simplistic solution to a complex problem, but my friend has a very good point -- and although there is no diminishing or easing the great tragedy which struck Israeli families, the state of Israel and world Jewry last Yom Kippur, there is a very good reason to move forward into a new positivism.

We are particularly



Mordechai Ben-Ari

fortunate in Montreal to appreciate this point, because it is here that the Israel Government Tourist Office through the years, and in fact since the end of the Sinai and Golan engagements, has been able to attract Christian tourists, particularly from the French Canadian, Roman Catholic community, whose members consider a visit to Israel an important expression of their religious beliefs.

Ben-Ari and El Al's chief in Canada, Joram Kagan, made this point during the former's recent visit, to emphasize the need for getting Israel tourism back to what it was before the Yom Kippur outbreak.

In view of the delicate and inflationary state of Israel's economy, the tourist industry is top priority, simply because it works well and fast: within minutes of their arrival, tourists start spending, and there are no long-drawn out months of negotiations involving trade or aid.

Tourism as a revenue source is speedy and simple, and it works, to say nothing of its value as a morale booster and public relations device.

Ben-Ari, particularly, reflects a typical Israeli ingenuity with his proposal to create a "Holiday Class" service, lowering the price by $50 to $60 from the present cost of economy class travel.

"This would involve," Ben-Ari said, "the elimination of such service as free meals, although the same comfort standard would be maintained, and the replacing of galleys with seats. Pre-boarding box lunches would be available for $2 or $3, and the saving could be spent in meals at some of Israel's excellent restaurants" -- to say nothing of El Al's new hotels.

Canadian Pacific, of course, which operates CP Air and CP Hotels, has more than shown itself as a good corporate citizen in Israel, with its excellent service and plans for hotel building.

And Alitalia, whose Israeli chief in Tel Aviv, George Taussig, has for years served as an important public relations liaison at a time when the Arabs considered any airline doing business in Israel as hostile, is similarly working with the Israeli tourist industry.

So Israel's Tourism Minister, Moshe Kol can depend on receiving the utmost support from airlines such as El Al, CP Air and Alitalia; what remains now is for people to get their bodies into those seats.

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Twenty-two year-old Erdinast will be remembered for his televised surrender to the Egyptians from his stronghold on the southern sector of the Suez Canal during the Yom Kippur War.

He is presently touring North America on behalf of the Jewish Agency. His intention is to speak to Jewish youth about aliyah.

In an interview with **The Canadian Jewish News** shortly after his arrival in Toronto from New York recently, Erdinast told of his war experiences. He was serving as an officer in the Israel defence force's Nachal Corps which combines crack infantry and paratroop training with agricultural work -- a unit in which many religiously-observant soldiers like Erdinast serve.

When the war broke out, he was commanding four strongholds on the Suez Canal. The men were told to hold out and they did so for seven days. The following Sabbath, the 37 survivors of the 42 soldiers serving in the strongholds were instructed to give themselves up to the Egyptians. Twenty of those who surrendered were wounded. All, says Erdinast have since recovered, but one suffered amputation of a hand.

Was he the one who was shown by the television cameras carrying a Sefer Torah into Egypt? "No," he corrected firmly, "that was one of the soldiers under my command."

The surrender was orderly. It was observed by the Red Cross and many foreign correspondents and cameramen. But once in Egypt, the situation of the captured Israelis deteriorated sharply.

"For the first 13 days it was very bad," said Erdinast, speaking quietly in Hebrew. "My hands were tied behind my back and I was blindfolded. I was refused access to toilet facilities. They gave me half a pitta (Arab bread) in the morning and the other half in the evening. They came with ropes and sticks and beat and kicked us. They said that Arab forces were in Beersheba and Ramleh. Of course I didn't believe that."

How did he keep his sanity? "I began to feel that it was hardly worth carrying on," he said in a low voice. "But little by little, after the talks started, things began to improve. They removed my handcuffs and blindfold and I was given a change of clothes and a blanket."

Eventually his treatment underwent a dramatic change. High-ranking Egyptian officers came to see him. Coffee and Coca-Cola were served. Photographs of families were exchanged.

"They were very pleasant," recalls Erdinast. "They brought me a copy of the Bible. We talked about the prospects for peace. They were not ashamed to tell me about their heavy losses and they praised the fighting spirit of the Israelis."

Before his release, he was taken on a tour of the Pyramids and Cairo and was returned to Israel on Nov. 22 after 40 days in captivity.

Erdinast completed his regular army service last April and plans to study law at Bar-Ilan university in the fall.

Erdinast will spend the summer touring summer camps and speaking to youth groups in Canada and the U.S. He said that American and Canadian youth should be told what their contemporaries in Israel are contributing to the building and defence of Israel.

WUJS discuss minorities

By T. SCHNURMACHER

MONTREAL -

An anticipated 300 students from Europe, Israel, United States and Canada will attend a five-day Conference on Minorities in the Quebec Laurentians. The bilingual event to be held in the fall, will explore Jewish minority status within the context of other minority groups.

The delegates will meet with qualified resource people and explore the topic through various media presentations, dances, theatre, speakers and film.

The seminar will take place at the 'Y' country camp at Huberdeau, Quebec, under the sponsorship of the World Union of Jewish Students, the Canadian Union of Jewish Students and the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation of Montreal.

Anne Hertz, conference co-ordinator, explained: "The conference will be bilingual, with simultaneous translations made available for the major sessions.

"Quebec has been chosen as the site of the conference because, as a centre of on-going debate on the minority issue in Canada, it provides the ideal atmosphere for such an event."

The seminar will be both educational and cultural, focusing most intensively on the Jewish minority, but also dealing with the varied cultural and political expressions of other ethnic minorities.

Emphasis will be placed on the relationships of various minorities to the majority culture. Such areas as segregation, assimilation, stereotyping, and minority community structures will be examined.

The cost of the seminar is $50 which includes food and accommodation for the five days, as well as transportation from Montreal to the seminar site. Travel subsidies will be available for Canadian students outside the Montreal area through the Canadian Union of Jewish Students.

The Canadian Union of Jewish Students had approximately 70 youth delegates at the Canadian Jewish Congress 17th Triennial Plenary Assembly.

Miss Hertz commented: "Most of us enjoyed the assembly because we felt that many of the issues raised were highly relevant and we were pleased to be asked to participate in such a gathering."

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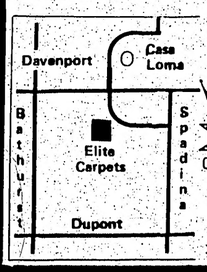

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